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Chairman

Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Mr. Powell:

Distribution Center

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media *Ownership* Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership *does not serve our democratic society* based upon **democratic principles**, but instead undermines it. **Following** World War II, our **government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because** dhow totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the **hands of a few corporations** and government **agencies** to control their **people** and **move the world towards war**. *The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present.*

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the **economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules**. They **ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press**. You have **also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue**. The FCC has **barely publicized the proposed changes**, and combined with a **very short public comment period** I can only surmise that you **hope to sneak these changes past the American people**. I certainly didn't find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be **ashamed** that an agency under your **leadership is not using** what is in the **best interests of the American public as its guiding principle**, but instead is **thinking of** what is **most profitable** for a few huge corporations who only care about the **bottom line**, not about what is good for democracy.

Have a nice day,

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P.S- allowing this regulation is a good way to start a nicely sized riot... and I know people like you do not favor riots!



Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Age	38.5	10.2	25	55
Gender	0.5	0.5	0	1
Marital status	0.7	0.5	0	1
Education	12.5	1.5	10	15
Income	3500	1500	1000	6000
Health status	0.8	0.4	0	1
Stress level	4.5	1.5	1	7
Life satisfaction	5.2	1.2	3	7
Work-life balance	4.8	1.3	2	7
Family support	0.9	0.3	0	1
Community involvement	0.6	0.5	0	1
Volunteer work	0.4	0.5	0	1
Charitable donations	0.3	0.5	0	1
Political participation	0.2	0.4	0	1
Civic engagement	0.5	0.5	0	1
Environmental awareness	0.7	0.4	0	1
Social responsibility	0.6	0.5	0	1
Ethical consumption	0.5	0.5	0	1
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